



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT**  
March 21, 2010

**Pastoral Ponderings.....**  
**The Unexpected Call**

**Schedule of Masses**

Monday	7:00 a.m.	For All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	St. Toribio de Mogrovejo +Anton Rohrich
	12:10 p.m.	Int. M. A. Peterson
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Living/Dec. Catholic Aid #136
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	The Annunciation of the Lord +Mary Uhrich
Friday	7:00 a.m.	+Andrew Malsam
Saturday	8:15 a.m.	+Phyllis Clemens

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	For Our Parish
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Dec. of Peter Finley family
	9:30 a.m.	+Caroline Malsam
	11:30 a.m.	Int. Presentation Sisters/all religious

**EASTER LITURGICAL SIGN-UP SHEETS  
ARE IN THE EAST CHURCH ENTRANCE.  
IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE HELP  
BY SIGNING IN ADVANCE.**

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

For the weekend of Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup> and Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday 5:00 pm	Georgia Fossum	See Schedule
Sunday 7:30 am.	Donna Ryman	See Schedule
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Barry Eske	See Schedule
Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Randy Holsing	See Schedule

**ALTAR SERVERS**

For the weekend of Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup> and Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Andrew/Daniel Holmstrom, Gabriel Heller
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Christy/Lynn Renner, Bridget White
9:30 a.m.	Erin/Cameron Dudley, Allison Thielsen
11:30a.m.	Seleucia Heintzman, Lindsay Hughes, Hosea Kost

**GREETERS**

For the weekend of Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup> and Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday 5:00 pm.	Mary Ellen Heitmann, Elton/Rita Herman
Sunday 7:30 am	Daniel/Alvina Baumgartner, Ed/Mary Keller
	Sal Crogan/Jane Hengel
9:30 am	Justin/Toni Feickert, Jan Frink, Betty Sanders
11:30 am.	Pat/Roberta Gallagher

**VAN DRIVER THIS WEEK**

Sun., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mark Hahler - 229-2572

**Traveling Icon for Vocations.**

Jan Sjodin will have the icon Mar. 21-Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>. Shirley Bahde will have the icon Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Unexpected calls in the middle of the night often bring news that may require a difficult response or life-changing action.

The same thing can happen when we receive that unexpected call from God. The truth is, after God calls us to follow him, our life rarely remains the same. When God called Moses, Abraham and the prophets, their lives changed completely and some were even uprooted from their surroundings, family and friends. When Jesus called the disciples or St. Paul, their lives were also completely transformed as they followed their calling.

The same things happened to Mary. When she said yes to the angel, it was likely that the young Virgin had no idea she was saying yes to her true calling: becoming the Mother of God. After the angel Gabriel departed, Mary's thoughts may have turned to the changes that response would bring to her life. She was betrothed and the consequences of bearing a child out of wedlock would have been harsh: knowing this was not his child, Joseph would surely leave her; Mary would be shamed, publicly disgraced, outcast or even stoned to death. Yet she gave her unequivocal yes to the messenger from God. And with her yes, God came to bring salvation to the world. We hear the message of salvation in the words of the angel to Mary, which are not for her alone. They are for all of us. "The Lord is with you." These are the words we should remember when we embark on our calling.

It may seem odd that near the end of the season of Lent we would be celebrating the **Annunciation**. It will be this Thursday, March 25. We are seemingly in the middle of reflecting and preparing for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. But without the Incarnation there would be no suffering, resurrection and salvation. This is the perfect time to reflect on our own calling, which can be both joyful and scary. Our calling can come with its share of sacrifices, risks and dangers as we defend the rights of the unborn, fight for justice for immigrants and healthcare for the poor, or as we leave our homes on mission to help the needy.

We can turn a deaf ear to our calling, preferring to remain in the comfort of our surroundings, but it is in God's calling that we find true purpose, joy and happiness no matter what sacrifices it may entail. And just like Mary's yes, it can change the world even if we remain unaware of its full impact. It is through our calling that the Lord brings salvation to the world and like the Blessed Virgin, when we follow it we hear the words of God: "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."

May we respond positively to the unexpected calls of God in our lives.

Fr. Ed Pierce

## STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Collection	\$10,458.67
Youth envelopes	\$78.42
CFSA Pledged	\$73,834.00
CFSA Paid	\$53,153.00
Geo-Thermal	<b>\$467,581.35</b>
Amount paid	\$410,627.68

We took in **\$165.83** last week. Thus far during the *Crusade* we have collected **\$123,165.83**.

We started our *Crusade* at \$898,652.00. As the campaign slows down we are losing a bit of ground each month as our interest payments exceed what we take in. Our debt as of 3/11/2010 *is up to* 774,514.96, and our per day interest **rose to** \$116.71.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Sunday, March 21**

Breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus after the 7:30/9:30 Masses. Proceeds to benefit the Serra Club-Vocations.

Blood Pressure Screenings will be taken after the Sunday Masses.

Youth Groups: Grades 7-12 meet from 7-9 pm in the parish hall

### **Monday, March 22**

Bible Study w/Deacon Kelley 5:30-6:30pm; parish hall

### **Tuesday, March 23**

RCIA will meet in the Religious Ed. Ofc. at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. in RES

Neighborhood captains and interested parishioners potluck at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

### **Wednesday, March 24**

CCD/2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have class & interviews/1<sup>st</sup> Communion

### **Thursday, March 25**

Parish Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

### **Friday, March 26**

Stations of the Cross – 12:10 and 7p.m.

## Family Faith Formation – MAR. 21<sup>st</sup>

**Theme:** Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.

**Listen to the Word:** As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

**Question for Children:** How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

**Question for Youth:** Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

**Question for Adults:** Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

## RONCALLI ( this week)

Mon. Mar 22

Tues. Mar 23 RES Mass – 12:10 p.m. – Sacred Heart  
K-6 and 9-12 Report Cards go home

Wed. Mar 24

Thu. Mar 25 RPS Mass – 12:10 p.m. – St. Mary's  
All State Band at Watertown

Fri. Mar.26 RHS Mass – 9:30 a.m.  
Kindergarten Day – 8:30-9:30 a.m. or  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
RES Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart 12:10 p.m.  
All State Band at Watertown  
Indoor Track meet at NSU – TBA

Sat: Mar.27: All State Band at Watertown  
Roncalli Ball

**Aberdeen Catholic School System** is accepting applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of President/Lead Administrator. The ACSS offers a competitive salary and benefits. Candidates should have an understanding of and desire to further the mission of the schools: "Instilling Catholic values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body and soul." For job descriptions/application contact Vickie at 1400 N. Dak. St., Aber., SD 57401; (605) 226-2100; [www.aberdeeroncalli.org](http://www.aberdeeroncalli.org) [Vickie.haiar@aberdeeroncalli.org](mailto:Vickie.haiar@aberdeeroncalli.org).

**Roncalli School Financial Aid Applications** for the 2010-2011 School year **ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY MAR. 26, 2010**. Applications are to be done online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). Scholarship and work grant applications can be found on our web page at [www.aberdeeroncalli.org](http://www.aberdeeroncalli.org). Call Vickie Haiar at 226-2100 if you have any questions or need further information.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. Contact Scott at 229-5668 for membership.

**WHEN YOU GO THROUGH DEEP WATERS...I WILL BE WITH YOU** *Isaiah 43:2*

**ENTHRONEMENT PACKETS** are available in the parish office for a \$10 donation.

**Newman Center:** Living Stations of the Cross will be performed by NSU students at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center on Sunday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the performance.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Lent is a wonderful season to commit more time to prayer. A beautiful place is available in front of the Blessed Sacrament exposed 24/7 at Avera St. Luke's Chapel. Open hours are: 7-8 a.m. Sundays, 11-12 p.m. Mondays, 11-12 p.m. Fridays, 5-6 p.m. Saturdays. Please call Theresa Russell 226-0838 or Mary Mohr 225-6001.

**SUPPORT AND HELP**

**Project Rachel** is for women and men who suffer from the pain of previous abortions. Call 1-800-700-7867.

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** Learn more about a way of responsible parenthood that is supported by the Catholic Church. Call 226-2232 or Sacred Heart at 225-7065.

**Annulments:** A possible 2<sup>nd</sup> chance for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more info, call Sacred Heart 225-7065.

**Catholic Family Services:** Call 226-1304.

**Marriage Encounter:** to make a good marriage better! Web site is [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org) or call 362-0924.

**Retrouvaille:** Help for hurting marriages. Call 988-3763 or 988-3776 or [2021@retrouvaille.org](mailto:2021@retrouvaille.org) for more information.

**Pregnant? Alone? Afraid?:** Call BIRTHRIGHT at 229-0258 or toll-free 1-800-550-4900.

You are invited to an evening of singing, Scripture reading and prayer at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Presentation Convent on Wed., Mar. 24 at 7 p.m. This prayerful service will last about 45 min. & will help participants in their preparation for Holy Week.

**INTER-PARISH**

**Family Rosary** – Tue., Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm—at Sacred Heart.

**TOUR OF TABLES!! Sunday, April 25**

It isn't too late to become one of this year's Hostesses for the Tour of Tables!!! This is a wonderful event and you don't have to be in a Band to get involved. Hostesses will pick a theme to decorate their tables by and invite 5 other ladies to be her guests. The cost is \$10 a person. The money raised will be used to help in the continuing efforts to renovate the Sacred Heart Rectory. Some ladies will recruit a friend to help serve as a co-hostesses. Call Kala Heller to reserve your table. Carmen Meyer will be our featured speaker this year. Her talk is titled "Celebrating Life's Challenges".

*Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13*

**RONCALLI NEARLY NEW:**

This week all CD's are just \$.50 and when you buy one book, you get a second book free. We are open Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sat from 12-4 p.m. at 220 N Main. Thank you for your support and donations.

**The Knights of Columbus** are holding a membership drive the month of March. They will be present at the church entrances after all Masses the weekend of Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us in our charitable works.

Make plans to attend the 31<sup>st</sup> annual **Roncalli Ball** 'A Night in Morocco' on Saturday, March 27 at the Ramkota Hotel.

Don't miss your chance to win a 4-day cruise to the Bahamas! You'll be able to bid on a number of fantastic live and silent auction items & dance the night away to the music of Power Play.

Join us as we celebrate the Aberdeen Catholic School System. You will dine on worldly cuisine, discover luxurious treasures and there will be plenty of spirit, dancing and merriment! Call 226-2100 today to buy tickets – we will see you there!

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY:** Holy Spirit Church, Sat. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am-3:30 pm. This presentation is for anyone searching for their ultimate purpose in life, as it addresses the most basic truths and questions of human existence. Christopher West reveals that the Church's teaching on sexuality and marriage makes sense. It resonates with the deepest yearnings of the human heart. Registration \$40 per person \$75 per couple. Send to: Kathy Davis, Holy Spirit Church, 3601 Dudley Land, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. April. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HUNGER BANQUET! NEXT SUNDAY!**  
It's not too late to save a place for you and your family at the HUNGER BANQUET on Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. RSVP by this Wed., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> to Sr. Darlene at 229-8315; Paddy Mehlhaff 225-2295; or Leroy Lewis 225-0314. This is a meaningful Lenten family activity, experiencing poverty and to help raise money for families who have suffered greatly during the recent ice storm in the Eagle Butte area.

**EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS**  
We invite those who wish to make donations in honor of loved ones during the Easter season to please do so. Dedications may name one person, a couple, or family group. All names will be printed in the church bulletin. Members may be living or deceased. Please use the form below to send your gift to the parish office, or drop in the collection.

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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION  
Enclosed is my gift of \_\_\_\_\_, to be used for the Easter flowers at Sacred Heart:

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

With dedication to: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_